Plan Overview

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Project abstract:

Why is there a lack of representation of National Non-Governmental Organizations (NNGOs) in some Home Country Teams (HCTs), despite the amount of information available to senior humanitarian staff? What is the justification for this lack of representation? – is it personal choice, situational factors, a combination, etc.? Once participation between HCTs and NNGOs does take place, what are the factors that increase or decrease the quality of local participation? How is quality defined by stakeholders and how can it be measured? The evaluation aims to investigate pathways for discovering the place and level of engagement of local and NNGOs within international humanitarian coordination structures at country level, particularly related to HCTs and/or government-led coordination structures. Previous research conducted by ICVA and OCHA have focused on both quantitative and qualitative aspects, however there is a lack of specific research—particularly regarding the qualitative side.

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ICVA Localization Project

Dissertation title and abstract

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Please summarise your research question in no more than three sentences.

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Data collection

Briefly describe the data that will be used, including any secondary sources, noting content, coverage, cost, availability, and terms of use.

The research will utilize primary data in the forms of interviews conducted over skype, as well as secondary data in the form of literature surveys and datasets provided by OCHA. All secondary sources will be used accoring to copyright resrictions. No pay to use data has been needed so far.

Informed consent and anonymisation of primary research data

If you are collecting primary data, describe your process of obtaining informed consent.

We will be obtaining informed consent from potential participants upon first contact using an information and consent form provided by LSE.

If you are collecting primary data that can identify living individuals, how will you anonymise that data to prevent identification?

We will anonymize all participants by removing their names or personal information that may reveal their identity from interview and survey data. When writing the report, we will be able to keep participants' contributions anonymous by only speaking to wider trends as opposed to focusing on contexts or exapmles that would allow the identity of participants to be determined.

Research ethics

Does your research involve human participants (living or dead), or involve data about directly identifiable human subjects?

- Yes

Storage and back-up

How will data be stored and backed up during the research? How will you manage access and security? Is the size of your data likely to be a problem?

The interview data provided by participants consist of interview notes and audio tapes of the skype interviews. We will impliment a number of methods to ensure its security. For one, all data will be stored on the LSE secure server. Data will be uploaded to the secure software as soon as possible following the intervirew. Following, the original files will be destroyed. Secondly, we intend to use the most secure methods to collect the data. The audio tapes will be recorded using a computer-based recording software with real-time encryption capabilities. All of our software will be up to data and use appropriate encryption methods. Finally, there will be no recordings of verbal consent, seeing as this will be obtained in writing prior to the beginning of the interview. The management of access and security should not be a major issue when using the server. The size of the data will likely exceed 2GB, but will not exceed the 1TB allocated for the One Drive.